

Josiah Higgins House
Gull and Higgins Ponds Vicinity
Wellfleet
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location On a point between Gull Pond and Higgins Pond, Town of Wellfleet, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Present owner - Mrs. William H. Avery.

Present occupant - Mrs. William H. Avery.

Present use Permanent residence.

Significance - A good example of a 19th C. (early) Cape Cod "double house" located within the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION.

Original and subsequent owners - Present owner states that original owner was Josiah Higgins, whose name is shown with this house on wall map published 1858, but based on Geological Survey map of 1848. J. Higgins also shown in Barnstable County Atlas, 1880.

Date of erection Before 1843.

Architect - Unknown.

Builder - Possibly Josiah Higgins.

Original plans - none known to exist.

Alterations and additions - Modern windows; rear porch and room, later addition. Dates unknown.

Historical events connected with structure - Not covered.

Important old views - not covered.

Sources of information - Present owner; old map of 1858.

Likely sources not yet investigated - Wellfleet and Barnstable Records.

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Between Gull Pond and Higgins Pond, Wellfleet, Mass.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit - A good example of a 19th C. Cape Cod "double house", before 1843, located within the area of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

Condition of fabric - Good.

THE EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions - Not given.

Foundations Stone.

Wall construction Vertical plank, shingled exterior.

Openings - windows - 2/2 replacements.

Roof - Pitched, gabled, shingle covering.

Cornice, eaves Small box cornice. Narrow eaves.

Dormers - none.

Chimneys One, brick, centrally located over ridge.

THE INTERIOR

Floor plan - Central entrance flanked by east room and west room, with original kitchen at rear. Buttery and small bed room at west of kitchen; large room at east of kitchen. Room added, with porch to north of house.

Stairways One to second floor off of entry. Narrow, steep.

Flooring - wide pine floor boards.

Wall and ceiling finish - plaster.

Doorways and doors, 6 panel interior doors, mostly original.

Trim - Square headed trim. Wainscoting.

SITE Not covered.

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